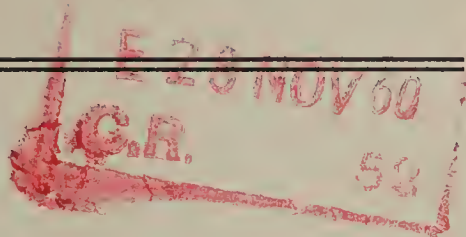


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Medical Officers of Health.



The Castle,
Barnstaple.
July, 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of the
South Molton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

We have the honour to present the Annual Report
on the Health and Sanitary Administration of the Rural
District Council for the year 1959.

Your obedient Servants

F. J. H. MARTIN and E. WILLIAMS

Medical Officers of Health

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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the
South Molton Rural District Council
for the year ending December 31st, 1959.

LIST OF STAFF

The Staff of the Public Health Department
consists of:

Part-time Officers:—

Medical Officer of Health:

Dr. F. J. H. MARTIN, M.R.C.S (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.),
D.P.H. (Oxon)

Succeeded by

Dr. E. WILLIAMS, M.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.),
D.P.H (Oxon)

L. W. EVES, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., M.R.I.P.H.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

G. E. MOGFORD, M.A.P.H.I.

G. T. HILL, M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspectors.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN THE AREA

Area (in acres)	117,432
Population (Registrar-General's Mid-Year Estimate) ...	8,800
Inhabited Houses	2,801
Rateable Value	£51,018
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£199

VITAL STATISTICS

	Males	Females	Total
LIVE BIRTHS—Legitimate ...	66	49	115
Illegitimate ...	—	1	1
			<hr/> 116

BIRTH RATE per 1,000 population—13.18 (15.15 corrected)

Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births ... 0.86%

	Males	Females	Total
STILL BIRTHS—Legitimate ...	2	2	4
Illegitimate ...	0	0	0
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STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 (live and still births) ... 33.33

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS 120

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0
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INFANT MORTALITY RATES—

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total Live Births	25.86
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate Live Births	26.08
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate Live Births	Nil
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total Live Births) ...	25.86
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total Live Births) ...	25.86
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total Live and Still Births)	58.33
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	
Number of Deaths	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	Nil

LOCAL DEATHS OVER 65 YEARS

65—69 ...	10	75—79 ...	23	85—89 ...	8
70—74 ...	13	80—84 ...	22	90—94 ...	5
Total ...					81

DEATH FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES

Puerperal Sepsis ...	0
Other Puerperal Causes ...	0
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ...	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea under 2 years of age ...	0

CAUSES OF DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1959

	Males	Females
Tuberculosis—Respiratory ...	1	0
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	0	1
Malignant Neoplasm—Stomach ...	2	1
„ „ —Lung, Bronchus ...	1	0
„ „ —Breast ...	0	4
„ „ —Uterus ...	0	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ...	7	3
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ...	6	11
Coronary Disease—Angina ...	6	3
Hypertension with Heart Disease ...	3	1
Other Heart Disease ...	16	19
Other Circulatory Disease ...	1	2
Influenza ...	0	4
Pneumonia ...	1	0
Bronchitis ...	2	2
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	1	0
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	1	0
Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	1	0
Hyperplasia of Prostate ...	1	0
Other Defined and Ill Defined Diseases ...	2	7
All other Accidents ...	1	1
	<hr/> 53 <hr/>	<hr/> 60 <hr/>

Death Rate per 1,000 population—12.84 (11.94 corrected)

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN 1959

(in age groups excluding Tuberculosis)

Age years			Measles		Whooping Cough		Dysentery	
			M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1	...	...	3	1	0	0	0	0
1— 2	...	...	0	0	0	0	0	0
2— 3	...	...	15	1	1	0	0	0
3— 4	4	3	0	0	0	0
4— 5	4	4	1	1	0	0
5— 9	34	26	0	1	0	0
10—14	4	2	0	0	0	0
15—24	2	0	0	0	0	0
25 and over	2	1	0	0	1	0
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			68	38	2	2	1	0
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Below is appended a Table showing the distribution of Infectious Diseases notified in 1959 (excluding Tuberculosis)

		Measles	Whooping Cough	Pneumonia	Dysentery
Bishopsnympton	...	31	0	0	0
Chittlehamholt	...	1	0	0	0
Chittlehampton	...	4	0	0	0
Chulmleigh	...	10	0	0	0
East Anstey	...	2	0	0	0
Filleigh	...	2	0	0	0
Georgenympton	...	3	0	0	0
Knowstone	...	3	0	2	0
Mariansleigh	...	6	0	0	0
Molland	...	6	0	0	0
North Molton	...	6	0	1	0
Queensnympton	...	3	0	0	0
Rackenford	...	3	4	0	0
Romansleigh	...	4	0	0	0
Rose Ash	...	17	0	0	1
West Anstey	...	3	0	0	0
West Buckland	...	1	0	0	0
Witheridge	...	1	0	0	0
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		106	4	3	1
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NEW CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS DURING 1959

Age years		PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY	
		M	F	M	F
9	...	0	1	0	0
21	...	1	0	0	0

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA HOSPITALS

1. Tuberculosis

Hawley Sanatorium, situated in the Borough of Barnstaple, has 28 beds.

2. Maternity Cases

There is a ward of 14 beds with a fully qualified staff at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, available for maternity cases of doubt and difficulty.

Three beds are also set aside for maternity cases in the South Molton and District Cottage Hospital.

The General Practitioners' Maternity Unit of 13 beds is at "Highfield," Victoria Road, Barnstaple.

3. Isolation of Infectious Diseases

Cases are sent either to Whipton Hospital, near Exeter, or to the Kingsley Hospital, which is situated just outside the Borough of Bideford, and is well equipped in every way for the treatment of Infectious Diseases; there are 20 beds available in cubicles for Infectious Cases.

4. Small Pox

The Small Pox Hospital, to which cases of Small Pox will be sent, is at Upton Pine. Telephone to Isolation Hospital, Whipton, Exeter 67158, and this is the same number for the ambulance.

5. General

The South Molton and District Cottage Hospital, situated in the Borough of South Molton, serves this area. There are 9 beds for general and maternity cases. The North Devon Infirmary, situated in Barnstaple, also serves the area and provides Specialists' Services.

In South Molton there are also chronic sick patients at Beech House, but no further admissions are being made.

6. Clinics and Treatment Centres

CHEST CLINICS.—These are held at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, in the Glossop Annexe. Below is a table giving days and times of attendance.

Tuesday	9 a.m.—1 p.m.	}	Clinic and X-Ray Examinations
	2 p.m.—4 p.m.		
Thursday	9 a.m.—1 p.m.	}	A.P. Refills
	2 p.m.—4 p.m.		
Friday	9 a.m.—1 p.m.	}	
	2 p.m.—4 p.m.		

V.D.CLINICS.—These are held at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, in the Glossop Annexe. Times and days are as below for the sessions.

FEMALES— Monday 4 p.m. Thursday 4.30 p.m.

MALES—Monday 5.15 p.m. Thursday 5.45 p.m.

7. Professional Nursing in the Homes

There are six District Nurses in the area who also act as Midwives.

8. Laboratory Facilities

The main Laboratory is situated at Bradninch Place, Gandy Street, Exeter, and Dr. Moore is the Director. It is completely installed with the necessary equipment for bacteriological examinations of all kinds. Its diagnostic and consultative services are available for all patients. Bacteriological examinations of water and milk are also carried out. The service is extremely valuable and is widely used by the medical practitioners.

There is also a Pathological Laboratory at 75 Boutport Street, Barnstaple, with a full-time Pathologist and Technical Staff to meet the needs of the whole North Devon area. There is a Blood Bank at this Laboratory.

9. Immunization Against Diphtheria—Vaccination— Vaccination Against Poliomyelitis

These figures, for the whole County, will be found in the Annual Report of the County Medical Officer.

10. Ambulance Services

Under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the Local Health Authority (i.e. the Devon County Council) is responsible for the provision of an Ambulance Service, and the Devon Health Committee have arranged for this to be provided through the agency of the St. John Ambulance Association. Under the scheme, an ambulance station has been established at South Molton. The districts served are South Molton Borough

and South Molton Rural District. The Hospital Car Service, also under the Devon County Council, is available on application to the Hospital, by the doctor concerned, and the Ambulance Service is empowered to hire cars in urgent cases when an ambulance is not necessary.

11. Acute Poliomyelitis

No cases occurred during the year.

12. Food Poisoning

No cases occurred during the year.

We desire to thank Mr. Willey and the Public Health Inspectors for the help they have given us.

F. J. H. MARTIN & E. WILLIAMS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR TO THE SOUTH MOLTON RURAL AREA

For the Year ended 31st December, 1959.

8 EAST STREET,
SOUTH MOLTON.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report relating to work carried out during 1959.

During the year 1,798 visits and inspections were made including:—

PUBLIC HEALTH—

Byelaws	...	...	...	...	78
Camping Sites	...	...	...	...	8
Disinfections and Disinfestations	...	...	...	...	4
Drains inspected and tested	...	...	...	...	77
General	...	...	...	...	28
Nuisances	...	...	...	...	34
Refuse Collection and Disposal	...	...	...	...	11
Sewers and Sewage Disposal	...	...	...	...	161
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	70
Water Samples	...	...	...	...	79
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS	...	...	...	...	19
FOOD AND DRUGS—General	...	...	...	...	27
Meat and Food Inspection	...	...	...	...	478
FACTORIES—With Power	...	...	...	...	4
Without Power	...	...	...	...	—
HOUSING—Slum Clearance	...	...	...	...	52
Council Houses in Course of Erection, Housing Sites and Council House Supervision, etc.	...	...	...	...	188
Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	153
PETROLEUM REGULATIONS	28
INTERVIEWS—Owners, Builders, etc.	88
MISCELLANEOUS AND MEETINGS	211
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WATER

PARISH	No. of Houses supplied from Public Mains	Estimated Population so served	No. of Houses supplied by Standpipes on Public Mains	Estimated Population so served
Bishopsnympton ...	96	328	2	8
Burrington ...	48	157	—	—
Charles (Brayford)	32	112	—	—
Chittlehamholt ...	46	161	—	—
Chittlehampton ...	140	462	—	—
Chulmleigh ...	265	927	—	—
Filleigh ...	7	25	—	—
Georgenympton ...	30	106	—	—
Kingsnympton ...	69	237	1	3
Mariansleigh ...	50	174	—	—
Meshaw ...	14	49	—	—
North Molton ...	200	681	25	89
Queensympton ...	4	14	—	—
Rackenford ...	45	155	—	—
Romansleigh ...	17	58	—	—
Rose Ash ...	8	28	—	—
Satterleigh and Warkleigh ...	12	42	—	—
Witheridge ...	187	649	19	68
Worlington East ...	45	155	—	—
Cheldon ...	1	4	—	—

59 Samples of Private Supplies were taken with the results as shown:—

	Chemical	Bacteriological
Satisfactory ...	2	13
Unsatisfactory ...	—	44

20 Bacteriological Samples were taken of Public Supplies with the following results:—

Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
19	1

Where the Private Water Supplies were found to be unsatisfactory, informal action was taken to have the matters remedied or an alternative source found, in many cases, in conjunction with the Drainage and Water Supplies Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The Chulmleigh Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme was completed during the year and brought into operation, with the exception of the Ejector Station, the latter being held up for a supply of electricity.

Instructions were given for the preparation of Sewerage Schemes for the villages of Georgenympton and Kingsnympton.

FOOD AND DRUGS

Regular visits were paid to the premises in which food is handled and sold and the standard of cleanliness was generally satisfactory. No prosecutions were made under the Food Hygiene Regulations.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are four licensed Slaughterhouses in the District, and regular killing and inspection has taken place at all of them.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS INSPECTION

It will be seen from the preceding Table that 100% meat inspection was carried out, involving 449 visits. It was necessary to condemn 6 cwts. 3 qtrs. 24 lbs. of carcase meat and 1 ton 9 cwts. 2 qtrs. 23 lbs. of offal.

ICE CREAM

Regular inspection of retail premises were made. The total number of premises registered at the end of the year was 21, all selling pre-packed ice cream only.

DAIRIES

The dairies within the district were maintained in a satisfactory condition.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 to 1959

No action was necessary under the above-mentioned Acts during the year.

L. W. EVES, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., M.R.I.P.H.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	847	8	3078	825	Nil
Number inspected	847	8	3078	825	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	2	9	3	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	232	Nil	55	10	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tubercu- losis and cysticerci	27.4%	25%	2.08%	1.57%	N.A.
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	Nil	Nil	30	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.35%	Nil	Nil	3.63%	N.A.
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil



